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SUBJ: LABOR DEMONSTRATION MARCH 22

REF: OTTAWA 669

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF MEMORANDUM TO CABINET ON MARCH 22, CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) IS CONDUCTING A MASS DEMONSTRATION ON PARLIAMENT HILL TO IMPRESS UPON GOC RANK AND FILE SUPPORT FOR ITS OPPOSITION TO THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. CLC'S DEMONSTRATION COORDINATOR TOLD LABATT THAT CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR ABOUT 5,000 UNION MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. AIRCRAFT BEING CHARTERED TO BRING 200 FROM B.C. AND SIMILAR NUMBER FROM PRAIRIES. TWO THOUSAND EACH EXPECTED FROM ONTARIO AND FROM QUEBEC. IF THERE IS WIDESPREAD RESPONSE TO QUEBEC'S COMMON FRONT (QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR, CNTU AND TEACHERS FEDERATION) DECISION TO JOIN CLC RALLY, TURNOUT MAY WELL INCREASE. NO SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION FROM ATLANTIC PROVINCES ANTICIPATED. STRONG ENDORSEMENT BEING GIVEN BY MOST CLC AFFILIATES WITH UNITED AUTO WORKERS, CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, STEELWORKERS, PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE AND CANADIAN PAPERWORKERS (WHOSE AIB ORDERED WAGE ROLLBACK AT IRVING PULP AND PAPER TRIGGERED THE DEMONSTRATION DECISION) MOST ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS.

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2. ORGANIZERS EXPECT DEMONSTRATION TO BE PEACEFUL AND TO

LAST FROM 11:30 A.M. TO ABOUT 12:45 P.M. CLC PRESIDENT MORRIS WILL ADDRESS RALLY SHORTLY AFTER MEETING WITH CABINET.

3. CLC BRIEF WILL BE FAR MORE CRITICAL OF GOC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND WILL FOCUS ON ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. ALL PROVINCIAL FEDERATIONS OF LABOR HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PRESENT SAME BRIEF TO RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.
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